

**Directive 404.02 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Training**

**STATE OF VERMONT  
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**Directive: 404.02**

**Subject:** Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Training

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**1. Authority:**

- 1.1. This directive is authorized by Title 28, V.S.A., section 601 (2, 3, 5, 7, 9) and Title 28 V.S.A. Section 851 and the Vermont Department of Corrections Policy 404.

**2. Purpose:**

- 2.1. The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), in a report, addressed the problem of facial hair and face piece-to-face seal. The report referred to evidence compiled by OSHA, NIOSH, and ANSI indicating the possibility of serious injury to persons with facial hair when using self-contained breathing apparatus. The report also stated the issue of safety to others when the person with facial hair is rendered incapable to provide assistance or effect rescue.

**3. Applicability/Accessibility**

- 3.1. Anyone may access this directive.

**4. Directive**

4.1. Operational Standards

- 4.1.1 Any Vermont Department of Corrections employee who may have to don self-contained breathing apparatus as a requirement of his/her job may not have facial hair except a mustache which does not extend beyond the upper lip.

4.2. Training Standards

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4.2.1 All Vermont Department of Corrections Fire Safety Instructors will be trained and in active pursuit of certification as a trainer by the Vermont Fire Service Training Council.

4.2.2 Any employee may attend SCBA training.

4.2.2.1 Those employees having facial hair will not participate in donning the airpac in the hands on training, but will "audit" that portion.

### **5. Training Method**

5.1.

### **6. Quality Assurance Processes**

6.1.

### **7. Financial Impact:**

### **8. References**

### **9. Responsible Director and Draft Participants**

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